

Good Tidings



Northminster Presbyterian Church, Sarasota, FL

JUNE SERVICES Sundays at 10:30 AM

Rev. Wally Johnson

June 3

Power of Forgiveness
Genesis 45-46:7

June 10

God's Call to Action
Exodus 3-4:17

June 17

Guest Minister
Rev. Ron Miller

June 24

Live as Free People
Exodus 19-20:21

Pastor's Corner



One year..... It was a year ago that Joyce and I came and you experienced the Okie invasion. I feel as if I should give a state of the church address or something of the sort. It has been a whirlwind of a year. Some words that come to mind are: Rain, Irma, Season, Seasonal Friends, Friends, Music, Joy, Hope. I could go on and on.

I am filled with hope and joy as we look to the days and years in front of us. I cannot predict the future, but I do know that this church will look very different in 10 years than it does today. How does that make you feel? Scared? Tired? Joyful? Hopeful? Maybe a mish-mash of many emotions?

My passion is that we continue to be a beachhead of the kingdom of God here in Sarasota. My passion is that we continue to reach out in tangible, hands-on ways, into the community and show the love of Christ. My passion is that we continue to be a place of grace and hope. I hope that is your passion as well.

To that end – the question I pose to staff and the question we must always ask ourselves is “What is the most grace filled thing we can do?” “What is the most grace filled way we can do what we do?” What can we do that will bring hope? Great questions to ask and great questions to answer!

I am excited to move into another year with you. I hope you will engage and invite at least 10 people in the coming year to come to church with you. Ten? I could have suggested a much smaller number, but I want us to stretch and be creative and imaginative. I want to encourage you to connect with the guests that others bring. It is essential that we connect with our guests who choose to be with us.

So, how do we welcome strangers, avoid intimidating visitors, and encourage them to come back to our church? Here are some general ideas.

- Seek out new people and introduce yourself.
- Start slow. You don't need to obtain 30 years of backstory in one conversation or invite them over on the first visit.
- Listen well. You will be able to tell if something makes them uncomfortable. You will also learn things that you can mention in future conversations.

PASTOR'S CORNER

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Greeting Visitors**Do →**

- Introduce them to someone else in the church. Think of a member who has something in common with the visitor.
 - Ask a question that doesn't have a yes or no answer. Examples of good questions to ask church guests:
1. **What is your name?** Preface this question with "Hello. I'm xxx. I am glad to see you here." Remember the visitor's name. Write it down if you have to. Review the name before next Sunday so that you can call them by name next time. *Even though I have trouble remembering names, I believe this is the most important question I can ask.*
 2. **How did you discover our church?** On a basic level, this will tell you what types of outreach are successful. And, you will find out what the visitor already knows, e.g., from looking at the church's website. In addition, some visitors are comfortable with sharing more without being asked. You might learn that they are dissatisfied with their current church or that they are new to the area and don't know anyone. This will help you understand them better.

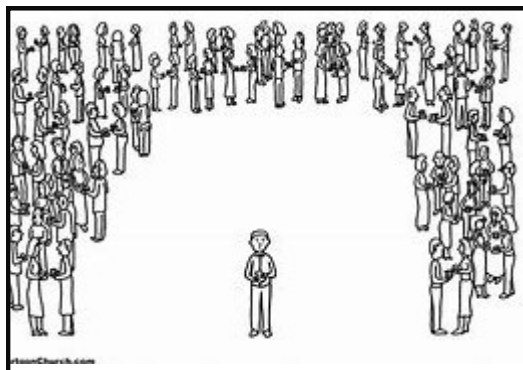
3. **What did you do before you retired?** Most people can easily talk about their job. Another question that might open a door is to ask – **What do you do for fun?**

4. **What about the style or culture of our church is different than what you are used to?** The answer to this question will allow you to explain things and help the visitor get acclimated to a new environment. Being a visitor is a tough job, especially for one who doesn't go to church much. Some churches have kneelers, and some have hipsters. Some think Calvin is not Calvinistic enough, and others have never heard of Calvin. In addition, visitors face more practical matters of where to sit so that they don't take someone's regular spot, how to find the rest room and when to stand up in the service.

Even if the visitor dashes for the door at the first opportunity, and you never get a chance to ask any of these questions, the warm smile you offer from across the room may be the start of a great conversation next Sunday.

In His Service,

Pastor Wally

Greeting Visitors**Don't →**

Let's Get Together

SUNDAY SUNDAE!

On Sunday, **June 3**, visit with your fellow congregants over a dish of ice cream, piled high with all your favorite toppings. Join us for this "make your own sundae" social in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. Be sure to invite all your friends, family, newcomers, grand-kids, or people on the street—IT'S FREE. See you there!

SUMMER CIRCUS SPECTACLE

This show will amaze and dazzle you! Join us for an hour of incredible family fun, presented in collaboration with The Circus Arts Conservatory of Sarasota. This onstage exhibition of circus artistry provides delightful entertainment for "children of all ages." It is presented in the air-conditioned comfort of the historic Asolo theatre, and the cost is only \$16! **Watch your bulletin for time / date details.**

TAI CHI FOR BALANCE

Our intro course to Taoist Tai Chi will end on June 6. The class has been well-attended and is drawing students from the community. If there is continuing interest, we will host classes on an ongoing basis. More information will be available soon!

PRESBYTERIANS EATING OUT

On Friday, **June 15**, at 5:30, we'll meet for dinner at the Public House Grill and Tap. The newly renovated restaurant offers a "pub style" menu with an assortment of sandwiches, burgers, salads, and mac and cheese. The Public House is located across Lockwood Ridge Road from the church, between Detwiler's and the movies. Please sign up in the Narthex so we can plan for how many will be attending.

BRIDGE MARATHON

Bridge is over for the season and our "end of the year" party was held last Sunday evening at Liz Early's home. The prizes for the year were given out as follows:

- 1st place: Joyce Menk and Barbara Clark
- 2nd place: Liz Early and Jan Gubrud
- 3rd place: Betty Miller and Don Bagnall

If you would like to play Bridge in next season, please contact Jan Gubrud. Let her know whether you wish to play full time or as a substitute.



Ice Cream Social
June 3, after church



Coming Soon:
Summer Circus
Spectacular!

Mission in Action

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR BETH-EL KIDS

The families of farmworkers who are assisted by the Beth-El Ministry struggle to meet everyday needs. Many cannot meet the financial demands of clothing and supplies at the beginning of the school year.

By contributing to our School Supply Drive you can help children by giving them the tools they need to succeed. You will also help teachers who often have to spend money from their own pockets for basic supplies.



Please donate only new/unused supplies from the specific list below:

- Back Packs (Middle & High School size)
- Binders (1" 2" 3")
- 3-hole dividers
- Notebooks
- Loose leaf paper
- College ruled paper
- Composition notebooks
- 3-prong folders with pockets
- Index cards
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Pens (black, blue, red)
- Pencils
- Colored pencils
- Highlighters
- Washable markers
- White board markers
- Erasers of any type
- Hand sanitizer (pocket size)



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Northminster collects Box Tops for Education for Thornwell, a Presbyterian-affiliated home for children in Clinton, SC.

Pick up a list of participating products at the Welcome Desk or the church office.

5,000 MEALS!

On Sunday, May 20, approximately fifty Northminster congregants gathered in the Fellowship Hall to pack 5,000 meals. This effort was in partnership with the Manatee Sunrise Kiwanis Foundation, for the Kiwanis Against Hunger program.

It has been decades since this church has seen so many women (and men) in hats and gloves! In their stylish "lunch lady" garb, Northminsterites staffed three assembly lines; measuring ingredients into bags, and weighing and sealing packaged meals. In little more than an hour, 25 cartons of "Latin Rice" were ready to be donated to All Faiths Food Bank for distribution to the hungry in our community.

The Latin Rice mix is a highly nutritious, vitamin-fortified, soy-rice based blend. It is formulated to be combined with water to make a six-serving casserole. Each mix is packed in a moisture-proof, odor-proof bag to prevent spoilage and insect and rodent problems. Latin Rice, with its flavor and rich texture, is vegan, gluten-free, and passes the Federal School Lunch requirement. Pastor Wally has cooked and eaten a sample and reports that it's quite tasty!

The ingredients for each meal cost us 25 cents – that's \$1,250 for 5,000 meals. Offerings to cover the cost of the meals were requested prior to the Meal Packing Event. One of the most wonderful surprises we received during this event was a check from one donor for the entire \$1,250! This means that we already have \$555 (almost half the total needed) toward a second Meal Packing Event this fall.

If you missed the fun this time, you can get in on the action when we pack meals again in the fall.

Kids Against Hunger Meal Packing Event



Ready, set,
SCOOP!

Don'tcha just
love it when
it weighs
just right?

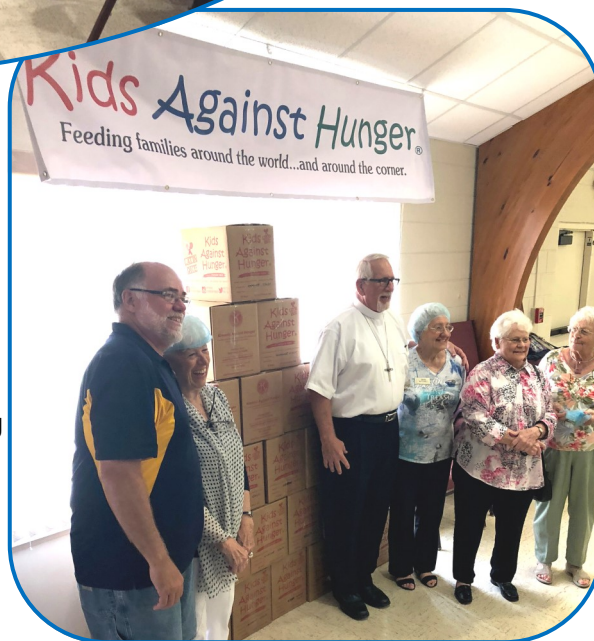


Northminster
church family
in action



"Seal-a-meal,
keeps
freshness in!"

5,000 meals...
That's one big
"to go" order!





Presbyterian Women

PW YEAR IN REVIEW

We started the year talking about Hurricane Irma. Meetings and discussions continue as we start to prepare for the 2018 hurricane season. Hopefully, we will escape any major damage in our area again.

I feel this has been a good year for PW from several aspects; fun, laughter, and mission giving (gifts to SPARCC at Christmas and the swim suit drive for Beth-El kids).

Our programs were educational and enjoyable for everyone. We finished our circle meetings in May and are starting to plan for next year.

One of the last items of business for this year is the Least Coin offering. The name comes from a Fellowship of the Least Coin, to give blessings to the meek, poor in spirit, and humble. We give in a prayerful and equal

manner to those in varying economic situations. The funds are distributed through grants, determined by the International Committee of the Least Coin.

The PW Coordinating Team will meet on Monday, June 4th at 10:30, in the Library

SWIM SUITS FOR CAMPERS

During May, Presbyterian Women coordinated a Swimsuit and Towel drive for the children of Beth-El Farmworkers Mission, who will attend Cedarkirk Summer Camp.

All tags were picked off the "summer tree" on the first Sunday of the drive! Altogether 30 swimsuits and 52 towels were contributed to Beth-El kids. Thank you for your generosity!

Financial Update

Operating Fund

	<u>April 2018</u>	<u>Year-to-Date 2018</u>
Income	\$27,441.00	\$82,041.56
Expense	<u>\$35,242.33</u>	<u>\$86,083.92</u>
Net Income	\$ -7,801.33	\$ -4,042.36

Operating Fund Balance = \$81,255.84

Building Fund

Capital Campaign Fund Balance = \$24,595.88
Mortgage Balance as of March 12, 2018 = \$270,274.65

Bob Silver, Treasurer



Changing Leadership

Did you ever have a question about something at Northminster and didn't know who to ask?

The following Committee Chairs and volunteers will be happy to help you with concerns in their area(s).

Christian Education • Sally Kirby

Clerk of Session • Sally Kirby

Marketing & Outreach

• Ron Myers & Judy Egan*

Fellowship • Mark Goslin (liaison)
Chair position open

Finance • Bob Price & Bob Silver

Librarian • Position Open

Membership • Valerie Wilde

Mission Ministry • Bob Silver

• **Parish Life** • Betty Miller &
Debbie Latimer*

Personnel • Dick McGuire

Prayer Chain • Jeanne Peters*

Property

• Jim Christie

Worship • Mark Goslin

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* indicates not currently on Session

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Robin Sutcliffe -Moderator

Rita Dralus, Helen Healy, Mary Lou
Lefferson, Eileen McKenzie, Martie
Myers, Diane Ray, and Colette &
Matt Stevenson

Presbyterian Women

Moderator-Colette Stevenson

Secretary-Linda Bennett

Treasurer-Debbie Latimer



Why Did My Deacon Change?

Deaconship is a three year term. Therefore, the assignments shift as, each year, old deacons complete their commitment and new deacons come in. In May we said good-bye to several deacons and received four new deacons: Rita Dralus, Diane Ray, and Matt and Colette Stevenson. These people have graciously committed to serving you for the next three years. Deacons are assigned by alphabet, and next month the list will be published here. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Robin Sutcliffe, Deacon Moderator.

"...if there is any good thing that I can do, then let me do it now, for I may never pass this way again." (paraphrase by William Penn)



Office Notes

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon—Thurs: 9:00 - 3:30
Fri: 9:00 - 2:00

MAY DEADLINES

- **Announcements for the Sunday Bulletin** are due in the office by **noon every Wednesday**.
- **Session Reports** are due in the office by **Wednesday, June 13**, for the meeting on **Wednesday, June 20**.

- **Good Tidings:** Please note that the next issue of the Good Tidings will be for the months of **July and August** and will be mailed at the end of June. There will be no August newsletter. Please plan ahead and submit all articles, reports, and announcements for the months of July-August by **Friday, June 15**. Please submit by e-mail to office@npcsarasota.org.

Isabel Oake
Office Administrator

Dear NPC Family,

Jack and I thank you for the beautiful send off as we closed our Sarasota chapter of life. The celebration, the many good wishes, notes and cards, beautiful plaque, and the guest book bring great memories. We both left a part of ourselves with you but know that God has a plan for you without our presence.

We now have opened the "return to Ohio" chapter and are getting settled into our new home in Wauseon, Ohio. We are enjoying being surrounded by our Ohio family. They have welcomed us home with open arms and what a joy it is to be with all of the grand-kids.

We know that God called us to NPC sixteen years ago and has now returned us to our Ohio family. God Bless you all.

Love, **Jack and Carol Tibbets**



June Birthdays

1	Rita Dralus	14	Aurea Siebert
	Bea Swanson	15	Karin Ciholas
2	Ron Conner	24	Helen Crozier
3	Wayne Cain	27	Martie Myers
6	Harry Neal	29	Paul Ciholas
11	Dave Messinger		Larry Harvell
	Mark Goslin		Lori Ladd
13	Cyndi Carlson		
	Jane Clark		



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div> Locations EB=Education Bldg. FH= Fellowship Hall L= Library S= Sanctuary </div>		<div> * The Spanish speaking congregation of Iglesia del Redentor, meets Sunday mornings in the Education Building. </div>			1 8:30 ROMEO & JULIET 10 Bible Study at Discovery Village 2 Line Dance-FH	2 11 Bell Choir-S
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